

LEADING CAUSES OF INFANT DEATH, 2005-2007
SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENCE

Rank	Cause of Death	Number	Rate
1	Congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities	163	115.5
2	Newborn affected by maternal complications of pregnancy	82	58.1
3	Sudden infant death syndrome	70	49.6
3	Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight, not elsewhere classified	70	49.6
5	Newborn affected by complications of placenta, cord and membranes	47	33.3
6	Neonatal hemorrhage	30	21.3
7	Intrauterine hypoxia and birth asphyxia	17	12.0
8	Respiratory distress of newborn	15	10.6
9	Diseases of the circulatory system	14	9.9
10	Atelectasis	9	6.4
10	Bacterial sepsis of newborn	9	6.4
	All other causes	161	114.1
	Total	687	486.7

Source: State of California, Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics, Death and Birth Statistical Master Files.

Note: Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes. Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories. Leading causes with rank higher than 10 or with fewer than 5 deaths are not listed. Infant mortality rates are number of deaths per 100,000 live births. Interpret with caution rates calculated on fewer than 20 events since they are considered statistically unreliable.

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